

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

His Witnesses

There is a story that when Jesus returned to heaven after his death and resurrection, the Archangel Gabriel was surprised to see him back so soon. Thirty-three years is not a long time, especially when you think about the importance and proportions of the task he had been given to do.

'Back so soon?' Gabriel asked Jesus. *'Well, I would have stayed longer but they crucified me,'* Jesus replied. *'Oh, so they crucified you,'* said Gabriel. *'That means you failed'.* *'Not necessarily,'* said Jesus. *'You see I called together a little group of disciples. They will carry on my work'.* *'And what if they should fail?'* asked Gabriel. *'I've no other plans,'* Jesus answered.

Jesus had preached the Gospel only to Israel. But now he commissioned the apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations. It was a daunting task. But he promised that he would send them the Holy Spirit. He also assured them that he would be with them always: *'I'll be with you always; yes, to the end of time'.*

But how could this be? The Ascension of Jesus is his liberation from all restrictions of time and space. It does not represent his removal from the earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth. During his earthly ministry he could only be in one place at a time. But now that he is united with God, he is present wherever God is present; and that is everywhere.

Other than that promise to be with his apostles, he gave them no assurances. However, that assurance would give them the courage and strength to face whatever difficulties lay ahead.

A sense of the presence of Christ with us doesn't change the world for us, but it can give us the courage to face it. God's closeness shields us against a sense of abandonment and despair.

In spite of the grave failings of his followers, and many terrible persecutions, the Gospel has come down to us across two thousand years. The explanation for this surely lies in the promise of Jesus to always be with us.

Jesus now depends on us. We are his witnesses before the world. It's a daunting task but a great privilege too. When we witness to truth, justice, love and peace we are witnessing to Jesus. The way to witness to truth is to live truthfully. The way to witness to justice is to act in all one's dealings with others. The way to witness to love is to act lovingly towards others. And the way to witness to peace is to live in peace with others.

In short, the most effective way to witness to Jesus is to live a Christian life. We can draw encouragement from what Saint Teresa of Calcutta said: *'I don't pray for success; I pray that I may be a faithful witness'.*

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

28th May 2017

MASS: Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 9.30am
Monday to Friday 7.00am & Fridays 7.30 pm
Saturday 8.00am

The Holy Rosary

Is prayed before Mass Daily
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 9-9.30am

Mass for Sick & Elderly – 28th May 2017 at 12.00 noon

1st Friday Mass – 2nd June /Tamil Mass 3rd June 7.00 pm

Samoan Mass 18th June 12.00 noon Tongan Mass 28th May 3.00 pm

Day	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Eucharist	Altar Servers	Cleaners
Saturday 27th May 2017 5.00pm	Valerie Johnson Amanda Saldanha	Ferdinand Pinto Selma Pinto Mathias Gomes Diana Gomes Cynthia Mascarenhas	Stephan Dalia Radelle Aaron Zoisha	Parish Youth
Sunday 28th May 2017 9.30am	Parish Youth	Luc Marie Jeffrey Rodrigues Lydia Quadros Xavier Braganza Bro Michael Goh	Nivelei Gloria Matthew Emmanuela Greta	

Rosters for Next Week

Saturday 03rd June 2017 5.00pm	Anita Castelino Iva Barretto	Ferdinand Pinto Selma Pinto Cheryl Moan Brenna Castelino Michelle Carvalho		Samoan Community
Sunday 04th June 2017 9.30am	Samoan Community	Frederick Quadros Agnes Schaaf Blanche D'cunha Toilolo Otufangavalu Bro Michael Goh		

Please Recite after Holy Communion

Priestly/Religious Vocations

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel

Liturgy of the Word- Sunday 28th May 2017

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47 page 55

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Liturgy of the Word- Sunday 04th June 2017

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104 page 115

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Sunday Offering for 21st May 2017

1st Collection: \$ 362.00

2nd Collection: \$ 726.00

Thank You for your generosity

Prayers For The Sick

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands those who are sick:

Ana Hiliate, Mafi Lelea, Rosemary Cannon, Jenny Toh, Leo Ziglani, Peter McConnel, Anamalia Vakameilalo, Fatima Rodrigues, Vyga Sanu, Tuala Akeli, Tafu Tuala, Anna Maria Coelho, Irene Makanga, Elena Roman, Betty Drinnan, Siosianna Tuli, Po'e Heather, Neil Almeida, Philomena Stevens, Fili Otufangavalu, Telesia Folaumahina, Babs (Bridgette) Lyons, Jacob Saldanha & Shirley Mathews..

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially:

Ngaire, Wim Bolscher, Finau Schaaf, Betty Coutinho, , OlaDevit, Lila Vaiaoga, Rev. Msgr. Lui Tevaga, Wanda Nair, Carmeline D'cruz, Diego Coelho, Percy Nazareth, Mele Toloa, Felix Giborees, Rosy Vaz, Jerome Aranha, Basil Humphries Brand, Steven Ivan Ravlich.

Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

St Therese Parish News

DEVOTION TO MARY

In devotion to Mother Mary during May, parishioners are encouraged to participate in reciting the Rosary daily before the 7.00 am mass and join in the 20 decade rosary on Saturdays at 12.00 noon.

Pledge Envelopes & Tax Receipts

Please collect the Pledge Envelopes and Tax receipts placed at the entrance of the church. If you wish to have a set of pledge envelopes, please contact the parish office on 09-6209689 or st3kgs@xtra.co.nz. Thank you all for your generosity

EASTER BLESSING

Fr Arul has started Easter Blessings from 19th April. Parishioners who wish their house to be blessed are requested to fill in the form and deposit it in the box marked 'HOUSE BLESSING' placed at the entrance to the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This year Children will receive First Holy Communion. Date will be announced soon. Children above 8 years who wish to receive the Sacrament are requested to fill in the forms placed at the entrance to the church and give it to the parish office. For queries contact Parish Office on 09-6209689

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you all for attending the AGM on 21st May 2017 and the constructive interactions during the meeting.

Meetings

Parish Council meeting 4th June 2017 after the 9.30 am mass
Finance committee meeting 15th June 2017 at 7.30 pm

Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday the Eucharistic Adoration will start after the 7.00 am mass and end at 7.00 pm. Fr Arul invites parishioners to spend some time before the Lord.

The adoration will end on 24th November 2017.

If you are willing to pray at a particular time each Friday, please write your name on the schedule placed at the entrance to the Church.

Divine Mercy

Devotional prayers every Friday at 7.00 pm with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, singing of Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction followed by Mass.

Reconciliation 28th June 2017

Every 4th Wednesday of the month, Father will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation between 7.00 pm – 8 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Reconciliation is also held every Saturday from 9.00-9.30 am

Legion of Mary

Meeting every Thursday in the Meeting Room at 6.30 pm. Fr Arul is the Spiritual Director. New members are welcome. Please contact Fr Arul if you wish to join 'Legion of Mary

New hope with Faith Fellowship

It is an informal gathering, a confidential sharing platform for the people who are hurt by the grief of separation, divorce and widowhood.

First meeting to be held on the 28th of May from 4-6 pm at the St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road. (Free)

For further inquiries contact Dr Reesa on Mobile 0211612994. (Please leave a text message if the call is not attended)

St John Paul II Auckland Rosary

Every Saturday at 12.00 noon a 20 decade rosary is prayed in our church

Mass for the Sick & Elderly – 28th May 2017 at 12.00 noon

A special Mass is held every 4th Sunday of the month for the Sick and Elderly. The mass is at 12.00 noon. Anointing of the sick is held during the mass

Youth News

Youth Synod - Date for West Region Leaders Meeting !

In October 2018, Pope Francis has called for a Synod on Young People, Faith and discernment of Vocation.

Between May and August this year, in preparation for the Synod, a pastoral process will take place collecting responses from all young people (both those connected to the Catholic Church and all other young people). Teresa recently attended meetings in Rome to find out more about this pastoral process and will be sharing about that at regional leader meetings throughout May. A date has been set for leaders from the West Region

West Region: Tuesday, May 30, 7pm at Glen Eden Parish

Dates for other regions will be advised direct to leaders and published in our weekly updates and on our Facebook page as they are confirmed or text Teresa on 021 649 012 and she will reply once a date has been set for your region. All parishes and groups are encouraged to have one or more leaders attend a meeting.

Diocesan Youth Mass | Hosted by the East Region

All are welcome to this month's Diocesan Youth Mass, hosted by the East Region! It will be held this Sunday 28 May, starting with praise and worship at 6:30pm, followed by Mass at 7pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Fr. Sam Pulanco is our main celebrant, and the theme for the Mass is 'Why Look Up? I'm With You Always!'

Time Out Day

Day of Prayer and Reflection

Date: 31 May 2017 (9.30 am – 2.30 pm)

Venue: St Francis Retreat Centre,

50 Hillsborough Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland

Cost: \$30 (Lunch and GST inclusive)

Please contact us at 09-6256651

World Youth Day Auckland Experience 2017

Registrations are now open for groups and individuals attending World Youth Day Auckland Experience 2017, as well as for volunteers! WYDAK17 will be held on the weekend of 15 and 16 July, with regional events happening on the Saturday, and prayer, the pilgrim walk and an exciting programme happening on the Sunday! Visit our website to register, or contact Rochelle (rochelled@cds.org.nz). Watch our [promo video on Facebook](#) to find out more info (and to catch an Oscar-winning performance by one of our very own team members...!)

Auckland Catholic Diocese News

NZ CATHOLIC

**21 May – 03 June, 2017 Issue
Headlines and a few of the topics**

- PM quizzed by students on poverty, housing.
- Fatima anniversary in Portugal and NZ.
- New priest for Wellington.

The Newspaper is at the entrance of the church

DRC RETREAT

Fr Michael Payyapilly VC from the Divine Retreat Centre (Potta) India, based in Sydney, Australia will conduct a Retreat in Auckland. Details as below: Sunday 28th May 2017; 1 pm -7 pm

St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 317 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough, Auckland.

Please join us with your family and friends.

No registration fee.

For more details please contact:

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All men, all women have a restlessness in their hearts. Listen to that restlessness," Pope Francis says. "It's not saying: 'Go out and proselytise.' No, no! 'Go and listen.' Listening is the second step. The first: 'Get up and go'; the second: 'Listen.'

St. Therese School

Dates for your diary

25th June 2017 – School /Parish Community Mass

Volunteers needed for Breakfast Club – Monday – Friday @ 7.30 – 8.30am. Please consider helping us as it is so beneficial for the children

The school is taking enrolments for all year groups. Please contact the office on 620 9441 if you have a child due to start school soon or if you would like further information about us.